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Semi-High Speed Trains
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to operate semi-high speed trains between various cities in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by which these are likely to start operating and the names of the cities which are likely to be covered;

(c) whether the Railways are considering to operate semi-high speed trains between Delhi and Lucknow and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the passenger fare and any speed limit of these trains have been fixed and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total amount allocated for the said trains in first phase?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Indian Railways have identified nine corridors for running of semi-high speed trains with speeds upto 160/200 kmph. These corridors are: Delhi-Agra, Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Kanpur, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Nagpur-Secunderabad, Mumbai-Goa, Mumbai-Ahmedabad, Chennai-Hyderabad and Mysore-Bengaluru-Chennai.

All works related with introduction of a new express train at 160 kmph on Delhi-Agra corridor have been completed. Sanction from Commissioner of Railway Safety of Northern and North Eastern Circles have been processed for introduction of the commercial services. No targets have been fixed for the other corridors.

(c): At present there is no proposal for operating semi-high speed trains between Delhi and Lucknow.

(d): No separate fare structure has been fixed so far. The maximum speed limit for these trains is 160 kmph.

(e): As existing locomotives and Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) passenger coaches are to be used in the first phase, no separate allocation for these trains has been done.

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